

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1 **Claim 1 (Currently amended):** An apparatus for applying a
2 substance to a human body during predetermined time intervals,
3 comprising:
4 a hearing device comprising an outer shell and at least
5 one other member, the shell being adapted to a shape of an
6 application area for said device at an individual and the
7 shell being exchangeable from said at least one other member
8 remote from said individual; and the substance being provided
9 at a surface of said shell.

1 **Claim 2 (Canceled)**

1 **Claim 3 (Previously presented):** The apparatus of claim 1
2 wherein said substance exhibits controlled migration through
3 said shell and to the surface of the shell.

1 **Claim 4 (Original):** The apparatus of claim 3 wherein said
2 substance is at least one of antibiotically active and an
3 antimicrobial agent.

1 **Claim 5 (Original):** The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the
 surface is roughened.

1 **Claim 6 (Original):** The apparatus of claim 5 wherein the
2 substance is a film disposed in interstices of the surface.

1 **Claim 7 (Original):** The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the
2 substance is structured.

1 **Claim 8 (Original):** The apparatus of claim 7 wherein the
2 substance is a film disposed in interstices of the surface.

1 **Claim 9 (Original):** The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the
2 substance is a micro-structured.

1 **Claim 10 (Original):** The apparatus of claim 9 wherein the
2 substance is a film disposed in interstices of the surface.

1 **Claim 11 (Original):** The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the
2 surface is porous.

1 **Claim 12 (Original):** The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the
2 substance is disposed in pores of the surface.

1 **Claim 13 (Original):** The apparatus of claim 12 wherein
2 the substance is disposed in the pores so as to be slowly
3 dispatched therefrom.

1 **Claim 14 (Original):** The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the
2 substance is a gel.

1 **Claim 15 (Original):** The apparatus of claim 1 wherein
2 the substance is a liquid.

1 **Claim 16 (Original):** The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the
2 substance is a paste.

1 **Claim 17 (Original):** The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the
2 substance is antibioticly active.

1 **Claim 18 (Original):** The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the
2 substance is an antimicrobial agent.

1 **Claim 19 (Original):** The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the
2 substance is a film.

1 **Claim 20 (Currently amended):** A method of applying a
2 substance to a human body during predetermined time intervals,
3 comprising the steps of:
4 providing a hearing device comprising a shell and at
5 least one other member, wherein the shell is adapted to the
6 shape of an application area for the device at an individual,
7 the shell is exchangeable on said at least one other member,
8 the shell having the substance on an outer surface thereof;

9 applying the shell on the other member; and
10 applying said hearing device to an individual.

1 **Claim 21 (Original):** The method of claim 1 wherein the
2 surface is roughened, structured, or micro-structured and
3 further comprising the step of applying the substance into
4 interstices of the surface.

1 **Claim 22 (Canceled)**

1 **Claim 23 (Previously presented):** The method of claim 20
2 wherein said substance exhibits controlled migration through
3 said shell and to the surface of the shell.

1 **Claim 24 (Original):** The method of claim 23 wherein said
2 substance is at least one of antibiotically active and an
3 antimicrobial agent.

1 **Claim 25 (Previously presented):** The method of claim 21
2 further comprising the step of removing the shell from the
3 other member and applying a new shell on the other member.

1 **Claim 26 (Previously presented):** The method of claim 25
2 wherein the steps of removing the shell and applying the new
3 shell are performed remotely from the individual.

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1 **Claim 27 (Previously presented):** The method of claim 20
2 further comprising the step of applying the substance to the
3 outer surface of the shell remotely from the individual.

1 **Claim 28 (Previously presented):** The method of claim 20
2 wherein the step of applying the shell on the other member is
3 performed remotely from the individual.